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Year in Review

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Greetings and Happy Holidays,

What an amazing and fruitful year it has

been! As we close out 2017, I wanted to take a moment to go through some of this year's accomplishments in order to set the stage for the road that lies ahead. Moreover, I want to say a personal **"thank you"** to all volunteer members of the **Executive Board** and leaders of the **Executive Committees**: Dr. Ivan Cephas, Dr. Sharika Johnson, Dr. Joanne Woskov, Dr. Vicki Ly, Dr. Beatrix Lam, Dr. DeAngelo Price, Dr. Vaiyapuri Subramaniam, Dr. Gayle Unhjem, Dr. John Quinn, Dr. Shannon Morrow, Dr. Carla Darling, Dr. Laura Zendel, Dr. Dipti Kalra, and Dr. Sadhna Khatri. Furthermore, I want to personally say "thank you" to those **members who volunteered** behind the scenes on each and every one of our initiatives and programs in order to truly make 2017 a cornerstone year in the legacy that is the **Washington Metropolitan Society of Health-System Pharmacists**.



Programming Committee: Year in Review & the Road Ahead!

In 2017, WMSHP was able to deliver quality **educational programs** through our partnerships with the University of Maryland and other Pharmacy Organizations. In total, **15 CE** Pharmacy continuing education units were made available to members which included: the Spring all day **6 CE** Event (Breaking Ground I: Enhancing Clinical Knowledge in Pharmacotherapeutics), the Fall all day **6 CE** Event (Breaking Ground II: Enhancing Clinical Knowledge in Pharmacotherapeutics), and a half day **3 CE** Event in collaboration with the CPA/MedNovations. In addition, we were able to provide a total of **10 Non-CE** events held at various premier locations throughout the DC/Maryland Metropolitan area. **Final Note:** we are currently in the planning for a **1 CE** unit **Kick-off Event** on January 11th (details to follow).

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Legislative Committee: Year in Review & the Road Ahead!

In 2017, WMSHP has taken on the task of revising our current **Constitution and Bylaws** to better reflect best practices and to align our chapter more closely to standards set by ASHP. Key revisions revolve mainly around the roles and responsibilities of “Student” Members and “Technician” Members: how they are elected, qualifications, etc. In addition, our overall Constitution and Bylaws have been thoroughly vetted under rigorous legal review by **ASHP Attorneys** for overall appropriateness and intent. The proposed revisions will be posted for comment in early January for a prerequisite time period as stipulated in our current Constitution and Bylaws. **Final Note:** a **Qualtrics Survey** to tally votes will be sent out in the coming weeks for all members to confirm (details to follow).

Communications Committee:

Year in Review & the Road Ahead!

In 2017, WMSHP was able to increase transparency, visibility, and productivity in 3 pivotal ways: increasing the number of WMSHP **Newsletters** from *quarterly* to *monthly*, upgrading our **Website’s Functionality** to allow for advertisement buys, and expanding our **Social Media** presence overall. Increasing the WMSHP Newsletter has allowed our membership to stay abreast with current trends in clinical pharmacy practice and to remain in lock-step with all activities the WMSHP Executive Board is proactively pursuing. In addition, upgrading our websites functionality to allow for **Advertisement buys** offers a new and innovative revenue stream for our Society. **Final Note:** we are currently in the process of revising our social media **Facebook** and **Instagram** pages to better reflect contemporary trends (details to follow).

Membership Committee: Year in Review & the Road Ahead!

In 2017, WMSHP was able to grow our membership through various key initiatives focusing on Student Outreach.

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Upcoming Events

WMSHP Kick-Off Event and Installation of Officers

January 11, 2018
Registration begins at 6:30 pm
Event 7:00-10:00 pm

Location:
Positano Ristorante Italiano
4948-4940 Fairmont Ave
Bethesda, MD 20814

Speaker:
Chris Ellison, Army Officer
(ASHP)

On-line Registration (PayPal):
www.wmshp.org (“Events Tab”)

Email Registration:
webwmshp@gmail.com
(Cash/Credit/Check)

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In terms of Student Outreach, WMSHP has met leadership at both **Howard University** and the **University of Maryland** Schools of Pharmacy, including: **Deans** and Pharmacy Leaders (including local student chapters), and **Alumni** Chapter Leaders (including advertising at various Events/forums). Furthermore, WMSHP members have attended multiple **Career Fairs** at specific sites throughout the DMV area. In addition, we were able to increase both the number and amount of scholarships available. On this last note, I wanted to congratulate our current **\$1000 Pharmacy Leadership Scholarship** Awardee **Lauren Latten** from Howard University. **Final Note:** we are in talks with various Hospital Pharmacy Administration Leaders on the emerging role of Pharmacy Technicians in our society (details to follow).

Finance Committee: Year in Review & the Road Ahead!

In 2017, WMSHP has been able to remain **fiscally viable** and add to our **growing revenue streams**. The exceedingly favorable quarterly reports for 2017 have made this year's activities and initiatives a reality. In addition, with the incorporation of "non-traditional" revenue streams (ie, monthly **Industry Advertisement** buys) our society has widened our funding and income significantly. Furthermore, for the first time we have been able to attract representation from the "**Financial Planning**" sector (a new and burgeoning source of support for the society) at large Events. Finally, we have been able to sign up new and returning members including students, pharmacists, and technicians. **Final Note:** we are currently widening the net to attract more monthly Industry Representation on our websites (details to follow)

Nominations Committee: Year in Review and the Road Ahead!

In 2017, WMSHP was able to continue to attract only the best and brightest **pharmacy leaders** in the Nation. We have just finished tallying all the votes for next year's leadership, and it is my honor and privilege to announce the following additions to our Executive Leadership: WMSHP President, **Dr. Ivan Cephas**; WMSHP President-Elect, **Dr. Sadhna Khatri**; WMSHP Secretary, **Dr. Mary Li**; WMSHP Board Member, **Dr. Vaiyapuri Subramaniam**; WMSHP's ASHP Delegate, **Dr. Michelle Eby**; and WMSHP's ASHP Alternative Delegate, **Dr. Laura Zendel**. **Final Note:** early next year there will be a "**special election**" held to fill Dr. Khatri's now vacant Board Member position (details to follow).

Warm regards and best wishes,

Justin Sebakijje, PharmD BCPS
President, WMSHP

Welcome to Our New Officers



President: Ivan Cephas, PharmD



President-Elect: Sadhna Khatri, PharmD



Board Member: Vaiyapuri Subramaniam, PharmD

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PRESENTS:

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WHERE: Positano Ristorante Italiano

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Bethesda, MD 20814

SPEAKER: Chris Ellison, Army Officer (ASHP)

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- President-Elect: Sadhna Katri
- Board Member: Vaiyapuri Subramaniam
- Secretary: Mary Li
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Featuring

1 CE hour ACPE-approved session

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WMSHP Executive Committee:

Finance Committee

Chairs: Joanne Woskov & Rola Halabi

Membership Committee

Chairs: Porscha Johnson & Mary Li

Legislative Committee

Chairs: Samra Agonafer &

Samantha Al-Faruque

Programming Committee

Chairs: Ivan Cephas & Sharika Johnson

Communications Committee

Chairs: Gayle Unhjem & Joe Wenninger

Nominations Committee

Chairs: Justin Sebakijje & LyLy Doan

Acknowledgements:

Justin Sebakijje, PharmD, BCPS

President, WMSHP.

Program Registration

How do I sign-up for the January 11th program?

On-line Registration (Paypal): www.wmshp.org (“Events Tab”)

Email Registration: webwmshp@gmail.com (Cash/Credit/Check)

*****Membership Drive Special*****

Until January 11th, 2018

Pharmacist: \$80

Pharmacist (2 years): \$140

Retired Pharmacist: \$40

Retired Pharmacist (2 years): \$80

Resident or Fellow: \$30

Student: \$15

1st Year Pharmacist: \$40

Technician: \$20

Non-Member: \$20

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For questions on attending or RSVP, contact:

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